



Arvada Fire Protection District

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FIRE DAMAGES TWO HOMES

ARVADA – At approximately 4:30 this morning, Arvada Fire received multiple 9-1-1 calls about a possible house fire in the area of 65th Avenue and Union Street. First fire crews on scene found heavy fire that involved two homes, 6555 Union Street and 6565 Union Street. Fire crews were able to keep the fires contained to those two homes. Firefighters had to fight heavy winds when they arrived. Approximately 15 homes were evacuated as a precaution because of the heavy smoke in the area, the potential for additional fire spread, and a natural gas leak that was associated with the fire.

There were 8 people who were inside the two homes at the time of the fire but they were all able to get out to safety. Two firefighters were injured on scene and were transported to a local hospital. Their injuries are not thought to be life threatening. There is no other information about their injuries at this time.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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UPDATE - 4/3/11, 2:30 p.m. - The two firefighters who were transported to the hospital this morning are stable after suffering burns to their upper extremities. Both are expected to recover fully. There will be no interviews at this time.

A fund has been established to help these firefighters during this time. Donations can be sent to Colorado Professional Fire Fighters Foundation - 2342 Broadway, Denver, 80205 ATTN: Arvada Fire Fighters.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

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UPDATE – 4/6/11, 9:45 a.m. – The investigation is continuing on the Union Street fire. We are still conducting interviews and hope to have a cause to release by the end of this week. We have ruled out arson and fireworks as causes of this fire.

The two firefighters who were injured still remain hospitalizes and continue to heal. As you can imagine, burn injuries are very difficult and painful injuries. Their injuries are not thought to be life threatening and involve their back, arms and hands. They will not be available to conduct interview at this time or in the near future. Please respect the families and the department's wishes in this matter.

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